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For: DEFORMABLE COATED WICK LIQUID SPILLED MATERIAL TRANSFER
RESPONSE TO 9/26/02 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the 9/26/02 Office Action in the above identified application, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Drawings:

The formal drawings prepared thus far are considered to be clearer than the informal drawings filed with the application and a copy is submitted herewith as replacement informal drawings for replacement with examiner's approval for examination purposes. Approval is asked.

In the claims:

Kindly add new claim 16 and thereafter cancel claims 1 - 5.

- 1 16. A transfer tool for the collection and transporting of a quantity of spilled mercury from
- 2 a spillage area comprising:
- 3 a deformable substrate serving as a spillage area contacting member, said member being